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## Japan Airlines to operate first-ever nonstop flight between San Diego and Asia

SAN DIEGO – February 15, 2012 – First-ever nonstop flights between San Diego and Asia will commence in December 2012. Japan Airlines (JAL) will offer service between San Diego International Airport and Tokyo Narita International Airport with the new 787 Dreamliner aircraft, marking the first time JAL will fly out of San Diego.

The announcement is significant, as San Diego was the largest U.S. market without nonstop service to Asia. The new service is made possible by the advent of the 787 Dreamliner, the first aircraft with the size, airfield performance and range to make the nonstop oceanic flight viable. The San Diego-Tokyo route is the first announced scheduled Dreamliner service in Southern California.

“San Diego has the largest unserved U.S. passenger market to Asia, and thanks to Japan Airlines, these passengers are now linked nonstop to Asia,” said Thella F. Bowens, President/CEO of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority.

“We are pleased to be San Diego’s first airline partner to provide the shortest route to Tokyo, Narita where Japan Airlines has hub operations to many regions in and around Asia,” said Yoshihiko Kozu, Vice President and Regional Manager, Southwestern Region of JAL. “We look forward to working closely with San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, as well as our partner American Airlines, in bringing this greater convenience to the people, encouraging new experiences and spurring more exchange of businesses, friendships and cultural understanding.”

### Flight Schedule (all times local)

Flight Number	Route	Departure Time	Arrival Time	Days of Operation	Aircraft
JL065	San Diego – Narita	12:00 noon	4:55 p.m. + 1 day	Dec. 2012 – Feb. 2013: Mo, Tu, Th, Sa (March 2013 onward: Daily)	Boeing 787-8
JL066	Narita – San Diego	5:30 p.m.	10:30 a.m.		

The above flight and fleet schedule is subject to government approval and change.

Passengers will benefit from JAL’s oneworld airline alliance, allowing frequent fliers to earn miles and access additional amenities.

The Airport Authority worked with many key regional partners in securing this important new route with JAL, including the San Diego Convention and Visitors Bureau, San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation and the World Trade Center San Diego.

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